(*b*) whether they are aware that in almost all the houses in the affected area, there are malaria patients;

(*c*) whether they have considered the desirability of opening a dispensary for the eastern parts of Tiruvalla taluk to give immediate relief to malaria patients; and

(*d*) whether they are aware that the public are heartily co-operating with the department in carrying out the preventive measures?

**RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI:** (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In the localities actually infected a high percentage of the population is affected.

(*c*) Sixteen treatment centres have been opened. In addition a malaria dispensary at Ezhumattoor has been sanctioned.

(*d*) Yes.

*Outbreak of Malaria.*

374. ***MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR** (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) which are the malaria stricken pakuthies in the Changanacherry and Peermade taluks;

(*b*) the number of deaths on account of malaria in each of these pakuthies; and

(*c*) the nature of relief measures adopted in the case of each of these pakuthies?

**RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI:** (*a*) & (*b*) A *statement containing the information required is placed on the table.

(*c*) Eleven malaria treatment centres have been opened in the Changanacherry taluk in the pakuthies specified, and distribution of Quinine mixture and Quinine tablets to malarial patients is carried out by the Sanitary Assistants of the Department. In Peermade, besides distributing Quinine through the Sanitary Assistants, emergency spraying of houses in Azhutha, Kumili and in the Mettus is adopted.

*Smallpox.*

375. ***MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI** (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the attack of smallpox has taken an epidemic form in different areas of the State;

(*b*) which are the areas that are severely thus affected, and the number of attacks with the percentage of fatalities during the quarter ending with 31-1-1945;

(*c*) whether they have taken any special steps to combat the attack in these areas and if so, what are they; and

(*d*) if so, whether any special steps have been taken to deal with that situation in specific areas and what are they?

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**RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI:** (*a*) Smallpox prevailed in an epidemic form in certain urban and rural areas in the State towards the close of the second quarter and during the third quarter of this year. At present there are only a few stray cases.

(*b*) In urban areas the most affected Municipal towns were Nagercoil, Colachel, Trivandrum, Quilon, Shencottah and Alleppey. In the rural areas the most affected taluks were Kalkulam, Vilavancode, Neyyattinkara, Nedumangad, Chirayinkil and Quilon. The number of attacks and deaths from smallpox in the State during the quarter ending 31-1-45 were 400 and 143 respectively, the percentage of fatalities being 35·7.

(*c*) The Municipal Chairmen were advised to conduct vaccination campaigns in their respective municipal areas. The Sanitary Circle Officers carried on, on an intense scale, vaccination campaigns in their respective taluks. The places affected were attended to first and the surrounding places next. Thus the epidemic was brought under control towards the end of the third quarter.

(*d*) The Chairmen of the Municipalities of Quilon and Shencottah where the diseases prevailed in an acute form were advised to appoint additional staff and finish the vaccination campaigns at the earliest possible date.

*Report about milk distribution in Parur taluk.*

376. ❋ **MR. E. K. MADHAVAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any report of decomposition of milk from any of the distributing agencies of Parur taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the quantity thus reported to be spoiled?

**RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI:** (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 15 cases, each containing 48 tins.

**MR. E. K. MADHAVAN:** Sir, it is reported as answer to this question that 15 cases, each containing 48 tins, is the quantity reported to be spoiled. May I know from the honourable Member whether it was returned to the office of the Director of Public Health or not?

**RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI:** The tins were condemned because the quality of the milk was found to be not up to the mark. The tins were returned.

*Relief works in the Neyyattinkara taluk.*

377. ❋ **MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state what all relief works have been carried out during the year in connection with malaria in Neyyattinkara taluk and what is the present condition of malaria in that taluk?

**RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI:** Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 45,000 to carry out certain irrigation works in Neyyattinkara and Nedumangad taluks with a view to render relief to the poor people in the areas stricken with malaria. Ten tanks have been taken up for improvement in Kunnathukal, Perumkadavila and Ottasekharamangalam pakuthies in Neyyattinkara and the work is in good progress.

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